

1966

E. Drexel Godfrey Succeeded R. Jack Smith as AD/CI  
on 17 January.

China Task Force established.

China and Vietnam staffs enlarged.

Title of Office chief changed from Assistant Director/  
Current Intelligence to Director/Current Intelligence  
in conformity with new Agency pattern.

Morning briefings of DCI by OCI team abandoned.

Weekly report began for Senior Interdepartmental  
Group (SIG).

1966 (continued)

30 February. The High-Speed Facsimile Network (LDX) became operational, linking the CIA Ops Center with White House Situation Room, the NMCC, and the State Dept Ops Center.

Various organizational changes in April:

Special Staff established.

Far East Area established and Indochina Division created within it. China Division shed Chinese Satellites.

Far East Division transferred to Far East Area from Asia-Africa Area and renamed Orient Division.

Sino-Soviet Bloc Area redesignated the European Area; it lost the China Division but gained the Western European Division.

Western Area redesignated the Western Hemisphere Area and the Middle America and South America Divisions created within it.

Asia-Africa Area redesignated the Middle East-Africa Area.

World Weekly discontinued.

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1965

At DCI's request, a News Analysis Officer was appointed to provide immediate analysis of wire service information.

25 January. CIA Operations Center established as a staff element of the DDI under the executive direction of the AD/CI. Combined the functions of the previous CGS Ops Center and the SIDO/Watch apparatus. Senior CG officers joined the Center.

Section 57 (Counterinsurgency) of the NIS was expanded at the request of DIA.

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OCI representative [REDACTED] to perform a special task at the request of CS.

Kashmir Task Force set up with its own publication.

Vietnam Task Force set up with its publications and briefings.

Several OCI personnel sent to Saigon to staff intelligence production units.

A regular OCI team formed to brief the DCI (Adm. Raborn) each morning.

Series of budget cuts and transfers over past three years had brought ceiling down to [REDACTED] (July).

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World Weekly begun for DCI.  
Current Intelligence Country Handbooks (loose-leaf) began. Latin America and Africa.

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1964

Review of US policy on Panama was done at Harriman's request.

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25X1A OCI representative went TDY to support [redacted]

[redacted] Congo rebellion brought daily sitrep into being; it later became a weekly.

Dominican Republic crisis resulted in formation of a Task Force.

Special Assistant for Research was appointed to coordinate the production of the NIS and special research papers.

1964-66: OCI was represented on several additional State policy planning and contingency committees.

Periodic Requirements List was taken over by CGS and renamed the Current Intelligence Requirements List. OCI still responsible for much of the contents.

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1963

✓ OCI representative began to attend Latin American Policy Committee meetings in State and participate in contingency planning.

✓ The three-part format of the Current Intelligence Weekly Review (and Summary) ended on 22 March. Special articles now issued separately.

✓ The weekly article summary cable, formerly called the Weekly Brief, became the World Brief. Regional cables for CS field stations, developed at different times, now included those on the Near East-Africa, the Far East, and Latin America.

✓ The President's Intelligence Check List became the President's Daily Brief.

✓ Presentations Staff recreated with responsibility for preparation of all briefings.

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1962

✓ In April, R. Jack Smith succeeded Huntington Sheldon as AD/CI.

✓ Free World Area reorganized into Western Area and Asia-Africa Area. Western Europe and Latin America Divisions created in Western Area. Africa Division created in Asia-Africa Area.

✓ Presentations Staff disbanded. Production Assistants appointed for each regional area.

✓ Cuba Task Force renewed and produced its own publications (same continued until 1964). Cuba Handbook prepared.

✓ OCI representative supported the US delegation at the Geneva conference on Laos.

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✓ CS asked for an OCI representative to the annual

[redacted] The practice

was continued.

✓ Greatly increased attention was being given to counter-insurgency as a result of events and Presidential interest. Counterinsurgency memos began and relations were set up with the Special Group (CI).

✓ OCI absorbed personnel from the disbanded Research Division of OBI and assumed responsibility for the production of the political and sociological sections of the NIS.

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1962

General Surveys and the chapter on Counterinsurgency.

This change added 38 positions to OCI's ceiling, now  
(December) at a record high of [REDACTED] 25X1A

✓ Special Intelligence Staff (SPINT) transferred  
from OCI to the DDI's office.

✓ Sino-Soviet Studies Staff transferred to DDIs as of 1 October

1961

- ✓ Cuba Task Force set up at time of Bay of Pigs.  
Had its own publication.
- ✓ White House International Situation Room set up,  
with OCI largely responsible for staffing.
- ✓ Special daily report (President's Intelligence  
Check List--PICL) for President created, with formation  
of special team to write it.
- ✓ Review of US Congo policy done at the request of  
the White House.
- ✓ Increasing reliance was being placed on the JOT  
Program for new personnel in response to the President's  
emphasis on economy and youth.
- ✓ Strategic Branch [redacted] dissolved.

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1960

1960-63: The Africa Staff was enlarged as the colonies achieved independence.

OCI coordinated a daily current intelligence cable to US delegation at May summit meeting in Paris.

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1959

Berlin crisis resulted in production of Berlin Handbook and weekly Berlin Chronology. Interagency Berlin Task Force was established with an OCI representative.

A bi-weekly publication--Survey of Recent Communist Policies and Activities--began on 23 October and ended 10 December.

The Soviet Studies Group became the Sino-Soviet Studies Group in the Sino-Soviet Bloc Area.

OCI began discontinuing the Country Handbooks for places covered by OBI's annual supplement to Chapter I of the NIS.

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1958

On 14 January the Current Intelligence Bulletin became the Central Intelligence Bulletin. Brief and backup style inaugurated. On 16 January the publication came out with a new bold cover.

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OCI support analyst was sent [redacted]

Senior Intelligence Duty Officer (SIDO) system established.

Nite Journal began.

Interagency Panel created to coordinate CIB; Publications Board abolished.

A Cable Support Group was set up to take charge of the cables which are sent in support of DDP and DDI representatives overseas.

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The DDI rep

[redacted] acted as intelligence

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advisor [redacted]

In March OCI was given the coordination of the Intelligence Annex to OCB Reports on progress in carrying out the NSC Policy Papers.

1957

OCI supplied its first deputy to the Senior DDI

25X1A Representative [REDACTED]

Six-man Task Group set up 12 July to handle Formosa  
Strait problem.

Indications of Political Instability Group established  
15 July (for Communist countries).

Strategic Staff [REDACTED] dissolved. 25X1A

Around this year OCI began to comment on the weekly  
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1956

The first situation Handbook appeared (on the Arab-Israeli problem). This was interagency coordinated.

OCI was represented on an interagency committee dealing with requirements and reporting (on India).

OCI was now normally providing a daily or weekly cable report to DDI representatives on special missions abroad,

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1956

February reorganization. Sino-Soviet Bloc Staff (later changed to Area) replaced the Soviet Staff. Its components were General Division, Military Division, and China-Asia Satellites Division. The Free World Staff (later Area) replaced the Regional Staff, and its components were the Asia-Africa Division and the Western Division.

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1955

On 10 February the Current Intelligence Weekly Review replaced the Current Intelligence Review, the Situation Summary, and Critical Situations. The new Review was divided into three parts: I - Of Immediate Interest; II - Notes and Comment; and III - Patterns and Perspectives. A Secret version--the Current Intelligence Weekly Summary--began simultaneously.

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1954

OCI organization "realigned" [redacted] 1 February to put Soviet and Eastern European affairs under a Soviet Staff and all other affairs under a Regional Staff.

Military Division (replacing Indications Staff) and Economic Division set up under Soviet Staff; name of Soviet Division changed to General Division.

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OCI provided a representative to brief [redacted]

[redacted] during the Formosa Straits crisis.

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Indochina crisis brought the creation of the first OCI "task force," which published a weekly.

Clandestine Services (CS) requested OCI to make special field studies.

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A speculative publication called The Spectator ran through five numbers from 14 to 30 April.

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Requests were received for OCI analysts to support [redacted]

National Indications Center (NIC) established, with OCI responsible for manning the CIA component. Indico set up in OCI to work with NIC and Watch Committee.

New publication called Critical Situations began on 16 December.

Country Handbooks began.

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1953

Briefings of White House staff by analysts began on requested topics. These evolved into a weekly briefing on the world situation by a permanent briefing staff.

Last issue of Daily Korean Bulletin was on 22 January.

First [redacted] project undertaken.

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Name of Soviet Strategy Staff changed to Indications Staff.

Current Intelligence Weekly (secret version of Current Intelligence Review) began on 5 June.

Around this year the cable summary of weekly articles-- called the Weekly Brief--began to go out to field stations.

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Daily Digest became the Current Intelligence Digest  
on 17 March.

Huntington Sheldon succeeded Kingman Douglass as  
AD/CI.

OCI began preparing weekly briefing drafts for the  
DCI's briefing of the NSC. Analysts discussed them with  
DCI.

Near East-Africa Division created. Eastern Division  
renamed Far East Division.

Functional Division abolished.

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OCI sent its first staffers to Strategic Division,

[REDACTED] OCI sent its first representative [REDACTED]

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1951

Indications Branch continued to publish its Situation Summary, which had began 14 July 1950.

Support Branch began producing a Daily Summary of Significant Traffic on 4 January. Name changed on 15 February to Daily Digest of Significant Traffic. Top Secret, gist and comment style. Name contracted to Daily Digest on 26 March. Daily Supplement (for S/S material) began on 9 March. Special Intelligence Supplement began on 31 July.

Current Intelligence Bulletin (all-source) began on 28 February. Gist and comment style.

Daily Korean Summary (published since June 1950) continued. It became the Daily Korean Bulletin on 22 January. OCI reorganization approved 24 July provided for Policy and Liaison Staff, Administrative Staff, Special Support Division, Publications Board, Intelligence Staff, Soviet Strategy Staff, Functional Division, Soviet Division, Eastern Division, Western Division, and Situation Room Division.

Weekly Review (all-source) began on 2 August. Name changed on 15 August to Current Intelligence Review.

Intelligence Memoranda, both requested and self-initiated, were done from the earliest months of OCI. Overseas trips for particular purposes (e.g., on election campaigns) were made by a few people. In November, a Foreign Travel Program for Area Familiarization trips was announced.

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1951

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OCI took over [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Periodic Requirements List began.

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January

Name of OSS changed to Office of  
Current Intelligence. OCI commences  
operation under Kingman Douglass.

7 February

OCI organization approved. Provided for  
Policy and Planning Staff, Administrative  
Staff, Special Information Center (with  
a Reading Panel), Watch Office, and Cur-  
rent Intelligence Division. This Division  
composed of Indications Branch, Support  
Branch, and a Situation Room Branch.

Support Branch divided into USSR, EE,  
West Asia, East Asia, Central Europe,  
and Northern Europe-Latin America Units.

Authorized T/O strength [redacted] Ceiling: [redacted]

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OCCI CHRONOLOGY

1950

21 December

Approval given by William Jackson to the creation of a current intelligence office to be known as the Office of Special Services.

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